population to the lasting damage of our national economy in general and rural economy in particular;

(c) what percentage of beef and veal is consumed in India and what percentage is exported; and

(d) how much of it, is cow's meat and how much buffaloes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Export of beef & veal is prohibited from India and the beef & veal produced is consumed in the country.

(d) Buffaloes (males & females) meat weighing about 159704 metric tonnes valued at about Rs. 555 crores was exported from India during 1995-96.

Variation in the cost of Eggs

319. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cost of eggs varies considerably from State to State;

(b) whether Government would take action for fast transportation; and

(c) whether Government propose to provide cold storages etc. for free movements of eggs to stocks at different States to meet shortages leading to increase in cost of eggs as essential item for growth of children?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) All the existing modes of transport viz. air, rail and road are available for the transportation of eggs.

(c) There is no specific Central Scheme for establishing cold storages. However, the existing cold storage facilities both under the public and private sector organisations can be utilised for storage of eggs, as and when required.

Cotton Production

320. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the expected cotton production for the new season;

(b) whether farmers in some areas are shifting from cotton to other commercial crops; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and measures proposed to reverse the trend?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) The estimates of cotton production for the year 1997-98 have not yet become due from the States. However, as per the information received so far, 69 percent of the normal area under cotton has been covered and the showing of crop is still continuing in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa and Tamil Nadu. The condition of the standing crop is reporting to be satisfactory.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. The area under cotton in the country has been continuously increasing since 1993-94. It reached a record level of 91.66 lakh hectares during 1996-97. The area coverage under cotton has also generally been increasing in the major cotton growing States of the country.

बाढ़ राहत के लिए गुजरात को केन्द्रीय सहायता

321. **श्री अहमद पटेल:** क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि हाल ही में गुजरात में भारी वर्षा एवं बाढ़ के कारण जान-माल की काफी क्षति हुई है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) केन्द्र सरकार द्वारा राज्य सरकार को इस स्थिति से निपटने के लिए कितनी धनराशि प्रदान की गई है और राज्य द्वारा केन्द्र से इस संबंध में कितनी धनराशि मांगी गई थी; और

(घ) क्या सरकार राज्य की मांग को मानकर उक्त धनराशि जारी कर देगी, यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण है?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा० एस० वेणुगोपालाचारी): (क) और (ख) गुजरात सरकार से प्राप्त रिपोर्टों के अनुसार, चालू दक्षिण पश्चिम मानसून के दौरान हुई भारी वर्षा और बाढ़ से 17 जिलों के 2125 गांव प्रभावित हुए हैं जिसमें 184 जाने गई है और 1.98 लाख हैक्टेयर के फसल क्षेत्र व 1.02 लाख मकानों/झोपड़ियों को नुकसान पहुंचा है।

(ग) बाढ़ प्रभावित क्षेत्रों में राहत एवं पुनर्वास संबंधी उपायों के लिए राज्य सरकार को आपदा राहत कोष की दूसरी व तीसरी त्रैमासिक किस्तों को मिलाकर 55.24 करोड़ रुपए की राशि निर्मुक्त की गई। 27.62 करोड़ रुपये की पूर्व निर्मुक्त प्रथम किस्त के साथ ही वर्ष 1997-98 के दौरान राज्य सरकार को आपदा राहत कोष से 82.86 करोड़ रुपये की राशि उपलब्ध करा दी गई है। राज्य सरकार से एक ज्ञापन प्राप्त हुआ है जिसमें उन्होंने विभिन्न क्षेत्रों में 664.33 करोड़ रुपये की हानि का संकेत किया है और उसके लिए राष्ट्रीय आपदा राहत कोष (एन०एफ०सी०आर०) से उदार रूप से सहायता मांगी है।

(घ) स्थिति का आकलन करने के लिए एक केन्द्रीय दल ने गुजरात में प्रभावित क्षेत्रों का दौरा करने का काम 24 जुलाई, 1997 को पूरा कर लिया है। दल की रिपोर्ट के आधार पर ही, राष्ट्रीय आपदा राहत समिति, राष्ट्रीय आपदा राहत कोष से सहायता की मात्रा के बारे में निर्णय लेगी।

Technology Mission on Dairy Development During Eighth Plan

322. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States where Technology Mission on dairy development had been launched during the Eighth Plan;

(b) whether any such scheme was launched in Orissa;

(c) if so, how the scheme has helped in Dairy Development in that State; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENU GOPALACHARI): (a) The Technology Mission on Dairy Development was implemented in the following 14 States/UTs during the 8th Five Year Plan viz. Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Goa and Pondicherry.

(b) Yes, Sir,

(c) and (d) Under the Scheme the Dairy Cooperative Societies (DCS) were linked to Gvoernment Veterinary hospitals and dispensaries for providing technical input services to the milk producer's animals. Also the Dairy Cooperatives provided input facilities to the dairy farmers. The TMDD also provided funds to implement a "Special input programme" on a pilot basis in Dhenkanal and Keonjhar districts. Frozen semen stations belonging to the state department of Animal Husbandry in Cuttack and Bhawanipura were strengthened and modernised under TMDD to produce high quality frozen semen for the breeding operations in the state. These two stations together can produce 12 lakh doses of forezen semen annually.

The progress achieved by DCS under this programme in Orissa is given below;—

Activities		*DCS Covered for Production Enhancement*
1.	DCS covered for emergency services	478
2.	DCS covered for First Aid	1009
3.	DCS covered for Artificial Insemination Programme	735
4.	DCS covered under Veterinary Camps	387